

Captive orca statistics

- There are currently **42** orcas known being held captive worldwide.
- At least **137** orcas have been taken into captivity from the wild since 1961 (#includes Pascuala and Morgan).
- **124** of these (or **91%**) orcas are now dead.
- The median survival time in captivity of these **124** wild-caught orcas is approx **4 years** (range from 1day to 28 years).
- In the wild, male orcas live to an average of **30 years** (maximum 50-60 years) and **46 years** for females (maximum 80-90 years).
- Of the 32 orcas that have been born in captivity and have since died (excluding stillbirths), they survived an average of **4.5 years**.
- In total, **156** orcas have died in captivity, including **28** miscarried or still-born calves.
- SeaWorld holds **19** orcas in its three parks in the United States and owns a further four at Loro Parque in Spain - **44** orcas have died at SeaWorld.

The fate of the 137 orcas taken into captivity from the wild

Country of capture	Total captured	Died during capture	Released at capture	Taken into captivity	Died in captivity	Still alive in captivity
WA, USA	223-255	10	182-214	34	33	1
BC, CANADA	52	1	26	21	20	1
ICELAND	64		9	54	45	9
JAPAN	28		9	20	20	0
ARGENTINA	3			4	3	1
CALIFORNIA	1			1	1	0
RUSSIA	37	1	35	1	1	0
MEXICO				#1	1	0
NETHERLANDS				#1		1
Other	**15 *					
TOTALS	423-455	12	261-293	137	124	13

- **Additionally, a further 15 orcas have been taken from the wild (9 from the Pacific North West; 4 from Iceland and 2 from Japan) but kept in bays or sea-pens: 6 of them escaped and 9 were released – for some, their fate is unknown (includes *Keiko and Springer).
- * Keiko (star of the film 'Free Willy') died in a rehabilitation programme in Norway in 2003; Springer was rescued and successfully reintroduced back to her pod off the coast of British Columbia, Canada.
- # Pascuala, a calf, died in a captive rehabilitation programme in June 2007 after she stranded on a Mexican beach in April 2007.
- Morgan, a young female orca, was taken into captivity after she was found in a poor condition off the Dutch coast in 2010.

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Current distribution of captives

As of **March 2011**, a total of **42** orcas are held in captivity (**13** wild-captured plus **29** captive-born) in **11** marine parks in **7** different countries.

Country	Facility	Total orcas held	Wild-caught	Captive-born
USA	Sea World Inc (3 marine parks)	19	5	14
	Miami Seaquarium	1	1	
	Six Flags Marineworld	1		1
Canada	Marineland, Niagara Falls	2	1	1
France	Marineland, Antibes	5	1	4
Japan	Kamogawa Sea World	7	3	4
Argentina	Acuario Mundo Marino	1	1	
Canary Islands	Loro Parque, Tenerife	5		5
Netherlands	Harderwijk dolphinarium	1	1	
Total		42	13	29

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